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Africa Strategic Interests

Integrated white paper 2003
- Peace, Security and Stability

Regional approach
- Horn of Africa
- Great Lake Area
- Partner-countries

NL MOD
- Assist with technical & training support to enhance PKO-capabilities (like ACOTA and RECAMP)
- Assist with SSR & DDR programmes
- Enlarge footprint in Africa (EU, VN, NAVO, multilateral)

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West Africa ECOWAS Strategic Interests

Low priority, but in principle the same as in priority-regions in Africa.

- Case-by-case decided support of SSR and DDR programs
- Availability of Netherlands Defence Orientation Courses (NDOC) at the Netherlands Defence College
- Support for Multilateral PKO

  politically sanctioned (review protocol)
  if units are available
  Always in combination with larger mil. partners (i.e. US, UK, GE, FR).

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Summary of assistance - aid-developmental programs

Burundi (ESPOIR) SSR program (1 Col Army, 3-6 months)
Small programs

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Proposed - Future Engagement

Regional Approach
for SSR and DDR programs
- Active and retired military - managers

for PKO training
- with SA, Junior Officers Staff Course (TBD)
- in NL (NDOC, PK-monitor course at Mil Academy)

Operations in parallel
political decision making process (review protocol)
- multilateral US, UK, GE, FR lead, to follow

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Upcoming Conferences

None for the military side

MFA and MDA subject to
2004 July-December NL Chair for EU

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